

THE ARIZONA COURTS

***Data Report for FY 1999
Volume II***

Limited Jurisdiction Courts Combined

Justice of the Peace Courts

Municipal Courts

INTRODUCTION

This report, The Arizona Courts: Data Report for FY 1999, Volume II, presents caseload, revenue, expenditure, and personnel information, both statewide summaries and detailed information on individual limited jurisdiction courts. It is intended to supplement the Report of the Arizona Judicial Department 1999 for persons and agencies who are interested in or involved with budgeting, planning, and administration of Arizona courts.

The term "FY 99" in this report refers to the period beginning July 1, 1998 and ending June 30, 1999. All tables reflect this fiscal year period.

The sections in this volume include a summary of the **limited jurisdiction courts, justice of the peace courts, and municipal courts**. If you are interested in obtaining The Arizona Courts: Data Report for FY 1999, Volume I, which covers **appellate and superior court (including adult and juvenile probation)**, please tear out the request form (the last page of this volume) and mail it to the address indicated. For easy reference, each section is identified by the appropriate heading located near the bottom of each divider page.

Caseload statistics are compiled from monthly statistical reports submitted to the Supreme Court by the individual justice of the peace and municipal courts. Incomplete or inconsistent information, where detected, is footnoted. **While the statistics are checked for mathematical accuracy, they are not audited by the Supreme Court.**

In Arizona, municipal courts are required by statute in incorporated cities and towns. They are also known as "city courts" or "magistrate courts". Municipal courts have criminal jurisdiction over misdemeanor crimes and petty offenses committed in their city or town. They also have shared jurisdiction with the justice of the peace courts over violations of state law committed within their city or town limits. Municipal court judges (magistrates) hear criminal and civil traffic cases and violations of city ordinances and codes, but they do not hear civil cases. They can also issue search warrants and handle domestic violence and harassment cases.

Justice of the Peace court precincts have geographical boundaries established by the board of supervisors in each county, and follow voting precincts. Generally speaking, justice of the peace precincts are larger than city or town limits, and typically incorporate an entire city or town, and pieces of other communities as well, except in Phoenix and Tucson. Justice of the peace courts hear traffic cases and certain civil and criminal cases and can also issue search warrants and handle domestic violence and harassment cases. Their civil jurisdiction is limited to cases involving claims of \$5,000 or less.*

* Court descriptions were summarized from "A Guide to Arizona Courts" published by the Arizona Supreme Court - Administrative Office of the Courts. Please refer to this publication for a more detailed description of Arizona courts.

CONTENTS

Introduction	i
Statewide Summaries	
Case Activity	
Narrative Summary	1
Annual Case Activity Summary	2
Court Revenue	
Narrative Summary	3
Annual Revenue Summary	4
Annual Revenue Distribution Summary	7
Annual Trust Money Collection Summary	7
Court Expenditures	
Narrative Summary	8
Annual Expenditure Summary	9
Annual Expenditure Source Summary	12
Court Personnel	
Narrative Summary	13
Statewide Personnel Summary	14
Financial and Personnel	
Court Revenue	
Narrative Summary	15
Revenue by Court	
Justice Court Revenue	16
Justice Court Trust Money Collection	20
Municipal Court Revenue	24
Municipal Court Trust Money Collection	28
Court Expenditures	
Narrative Summary	32
Expenditures by Court	
Justice Court	33
Municipal Court	37
Court Personnel	
Narrative Summary	41
Abbreviations	42
Personnel by Court	
Justice Court	43
Municipal Court	48
Limited Jurisdiction Courts	
Narrative Summary	53
Abbreviations	54
Statewide Totals	55
Annual Case Activity, FY 93-98	57
Traffic Case Activity, FY 93-98	58
Criminal Case Activity, FY 93-98	59
Civil Case Activity, FY 93-98	60
Order of Protection/Harassment Activity, FY 93-98	61

Case Activity	
Apache County Totals	62
Cochise County Totals	64
Coconino County Totals	66
Gila County Totals	68
Graham County Totals	70
Greenlee County Totals	72
La Paz County Totals	74
Maricopa County Totals	76
Mohave County Totals	78
Navajo County Totals	80
Pima County Totals	82
Pinal County Totals	84
Santa Cruz County Totals	86
Yavapai County Totals	88
Yuma County Totals	90

Justice of the Peace Courts

Narrative Summary	93
Abbreviations	94
Statewide Totals	95
Annual Case Activity, FY 93-98	97
Traffic Case Activity, FY 93-98	98
Criminal Case Activity, FY 93-98	99
Civil Case Activity, FY 93-98	100
Order of Protection/Harassment Activity, FY 93-98	101
Case Activity	
Apache County Totals	102
Apache County Courts	104
Cochise County Totals	112
Cochise County Courts	114
Coconino County Totals	126
Coconino County Courts	128
Gila County Totals	136
Gila County Courts	138
Graham County Totals	148
Graham County Courts	150
Greenlee County Totals	154
Greenlee County Courts	156
La Paz County Totals	160
La Paz County Courts	162
Maricopa County Totals	168
Maricopa County Courts	170
Mohave County Totals	216
Mohave County Courts	218
Navajo County Totals	226
Navajo County Courts	228
Pima County Totals	240
Pima County Courts	242
Pinal County Totals	248
Pinal County Courts	250
Santa Cruz County Totals	266
Santa Cruz County Courts	268